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 **AFP on the Bookshelf: Book Review** ***with Michael Collins Piper***

# Voice Stress Tests Could Nail Political Liars

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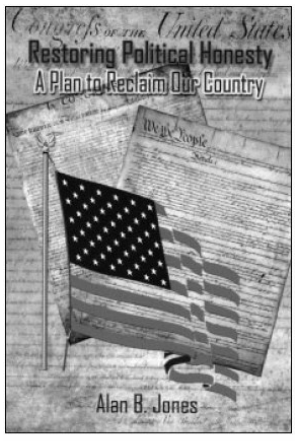
Writing in *The Washington Post* on Feb. 4, columnist Jim Hoagland, a veteran member of the influential Bilderberg group, inadvertently lent credibility to veteran patriot Alan B. Jones's suggestion—first aired publicly in *American Free Press* on Feb. 5—that American political candidates and incumbent office-holders seeking reelection be subjected to a structured Voice Stress Analysis (VSA) program to keep them honest or otherwise expose their current and past corruption and future corruptibility.

Hoagland commented that "In a globalized world, a permanent campaign is under way all the time. Politicians get endless opportunities to say dumb things into tape recorders and cameras." However, in further suggesting that politicians also have a tendency to dissemble and otherwise make statements and allegations that—to put it gently— lack veracity, Hoagland put his finger directly on the problem that Jones has targeted in his new book (outlining his VSA proposal) entitled *Restoring Political Honesty: A Plan to Reclaim Our Country*.




***Restoring Political Honesty*** by Alan B. Jones. A plan for your consideration—and not an unfeasible one at all. Order your copy of this 110-page softcover volume (#1579) for $17 from: First Amendment Books, 645 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, #100, Washington, D.C. 20003. For even faster ordering call toll free at 1-888-699-6397 and use Visa or MasterCard.

Jones urges the establishment of what he calls "Truth in Politics Associations" (TIPs) in political districts all across America. These privately constituted and directed organizations, comprised of interested citizens who have "passed the test" and proven their own credibility and their devotion to constitutional principles, would take the initiative to challenge incumbent politicians and their challengers to take voice stress analysis tests (conducted by certified analysts in the field). In effect, office seekers would have to prove their own bona fides as honest, constitutionally oriented public servants.

Jones doesn't suggest that the TIPs should be part of the government structure. They would simply be volunteer public interest organizations that would conduct the tests (or otherwise lay down the challenge to the office seekers to participate in those VSA tests) and then publicize the results: good or bad.

And what Jones is suggesting is not a bad idea at all. This author—yours truly—has long felt that public officials, once installed in office, should be considered "under oath" (and therefore subject to prosecution for perjury) while making statements to the public during press conferences, while issuing statements (videotaped or written) to the public (via the media or otherwise) or in other clearly designated situations.

An amendment to the Constitution could be applicable here. Considering the numerous lies told to the American people by President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other public officials during the push for war against Iran, such a measure might truly be worth considering. But then again, how likely is it that the establishment elite, in conjunction with the controlled mass media, would ever permit such a constitutional amendment or any similar type legislation to be enacted?

However, in contrast, and more viably, Jones's book, *Restoring Political Honesty*, lays forth a plan that could be adopted, initially by diverse groups around the country, and then ultimately utilized by many more TIPs as word of the plan spreads from state to state. Actually, even many local newspapers and broadcasters might lend their support to the work of the TIPs since the story of a politician or would-be politician flunking a "lie detector test"—that is, voice stress analysis—is a story that just might be too irresistible to ignore.

In his previous works, Jones has shown a flair for putting the facts together. In *Let's Fix America* he laid out his vision of how America's problems can be remedied. In *How the World Really Works*, Jones provided an overview of the realities of political intrigue both today and in the past. In *Secrecy and Freedom* Jones put the focus on the big problem that underlies political life today: the fact that our politicians and their behind-the-scenes backers have hidden agendas, secret designs and an ever-present determination to lie at all costs in order to achieve their goals. Now Jones has come forth with a plan to cripple these liars and deceivers before they ever get in a position—through public office—to do further harm to our America.

If you're interested in forming a TIP in your community, write Alan B. Jones, P.O. Box 2362, Paradise, Calif. But if you'd like an introductory overview of Jones TIP plan to use voice stress analysis—how VSA works and how the plan could be put into motion—his book *Restoring Political Honesty* is well worth your time.

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